

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are submitted to cancel claims 1-7, which were allowed in parent application Serial No. 10/262,612, from the instant divisional application and to re-write formerly dependent claims 8, 11 and 12 in independent form. A linguistic error in claim 9 has also been corrected.

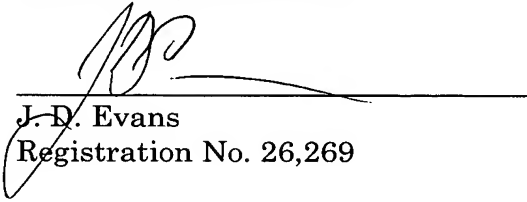
Favorable action on the instant divisional application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037110.51540D1).

Respectfully submitted,

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